

July 9, 2014
Newport Library Board Meeting Minutes

Present: Carol Ruggeri, Gretchen Havner, Ted Smith, Evonne Mochon-Collura, Sharon Beardsley, Alice MacGougan (recorder)

Meeting called to order at 5:18 p.m.

Minutes from the May 14th meeting approved.

Librarian's Report (attached)

Circulation and program attendance are up, computer use is down. However, the library is now able to track individual logins to the library's wireless, and the number of daily logins is large. Wifi sessions will now be entered into the library's statistics.

It was decided among the board members that the next board meeting will take place on September 3.

Makeover Update

The architects Smith has hired will present their suggestions for carpet and paint color palettes soon. It's the new fiscal year and Smith is spending money on the remodel. Some of the library's furniture will be refinished, while other furniture will be replaced.

Smith is finishing his fourth and final grant to fund the makeover.

Ruggeri said that she and Smith met with Linda Kilbride regarding fundraising. Kilbride charges \$75 per hour and charges local non-profits for the first 20 hours of her time. She will be invited to the Foundation meeting to do a brief presentation on how she can help raise money for the makeover and assist the library in creating a culture that facilitates ongoing fundraising.

The discussion of funding the library's makeover at the last Foundation meeting was recounted for Beardsley and Havner. Autumn Belloni had suggested that perhaps it would be better to move to Phase II instead of just aiming to complete Phase I of the library facility's improvement plan. She reckoned that getting support from donors and community members to complete Phase II would be difficult so soon after finishing Phase I. The cost for Phase II needs to be determined before a decision can be made. Smith has asked the architects to put together estimates. If grants are awarded, it might be possible to complete Phase II.

Open Discussion

The Parks Department is now taking care of the library grounds. Smith had to take steps to ensure that the quality of their work is consistent. In the past there were issues with drug use

and people sleeping in the bushes between the library and Literacy Park. The laws regarding schools and drug use do not apply to the library. Smith will ask the K-9 Unit of the Newport Police Department to have the drug dogs do a sniff of the library.

The Lincoln County Library District's 9 cent tax option will be up for a vote in November. This tax will apply to those living in unincorporated areas, not to people who live within city limits. \$90,000 is at stake. If it doesn't pass, there will be another chance in May.